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CARLSBAD SEES DECREASE IN CRIME IN 2008

Crime in Carlsbad decreased in 2008 compared to the previous year. The total number of FBI index crimes decreased from 2,764 in 2007 to 2,584 in 2008. When Carlsbad's increase in population during that time period is taken into account, the decrease is significant, decreasing from 27.3 FBI index crimes per 1,000 population, to 24.9, a decrease of 9%. This is the largest decrease in crime in almost 10 years.

Violent Crimes: The violent crimes category includes homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. The number of violent crimes overall decreased in 2008 due to notable decreases in the number of robberies and aggravated assaults. The number of rapes increased from 13 to 24.

Property Crimes: The property crimes category includes burglary, larceny/theft, and motor vehicle theft. Property crimes decreased from 2,446 in 2007 to 2,358 in 2008. Most notable was the decrease in residential burglaries, down 9%, and the decrease in the number of stolen vehicles, down 19% from the previous year.

"This is good news for Carlsbad. The fact that crime has decreased, even with an increasing population, reflects the hard work being done by citizens and police alike," said Police Chief Tom Zoll. "Residents should feel very safe living in our community. However, our residents should continue to take precautions to reduce the chance of being a victim of crime, especially during these difficult economic times."

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2008 FBI INDEX CRIMES

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
HOMICIDE	2	2	*
RAPE	24	13	*
ROBBERY	50	88	- 43%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	150	215	- 30%
<i>Total Violent Crimes</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>318</i>	<i>- 29%</i>
BURGLARY	507	528	- 4%
Residential	272	298	- 9%
Non-Residential	235	230	+ 2%
LARCENY/THEFT	1,662	1,683	- 1%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	189	235	-19%
<i>Total Property Crimes</i>	<i>2,358</i>	<i>2,446</i>	<i>- 4%</i>
FBI INDEX CRIME TOTAL	2,584	2,764	- 6%
FBI Index Crime Rate per 1,000	24.9	27.3	- 9%
Violent Crimes per 1,000	2.2	3.1	*
Property Crimes per 1,000	22.7	24.1	- 6%
Population	103,811	101,337	+ 2.4%

* Percent not presented due to small number of incidents reported.